

# “HOW DID WE GET HERE?”



**Atheistic Evolution?**



**Theistic Evolution?**



**Special Creation?**

**VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH of ARMAGH, PA**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>, AD 2022

# The LORD'S Day

The Seventh Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which has been a major issue of contention in throughout Christian History.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"He's Coming Soon"* (#526).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"This is my Father's World"* (#16).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:I-8.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"The Bible Stands"* (#107).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* (#36; vv. 1, 2, 3, 5).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"HOW DID WE GET HERE?"*

Closing Hymn:\* *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* (#39).

Benediction.\*



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*\*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Also check out our YouTube Channel (search "Terry Reese")!

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## **Week of July 31-August 6**

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—17

No Midweek (VBS); Church Offering: \$952.<sup>00</sup>

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## **Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.**

This week we study Daniel, ch. 5—Belshazzar's Feast of Folly.

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## **Today's Verse for Reflection:**

Hebrews 11:3: "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." (ESV)

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## **Camp Mantowagan Summer Report**

**This Year 583 campers** attended the 5 weeks of Grace Brethren Church Camp! **147** of this number were first-timers, new to the Camp's ministry. The weekly statistics break down as follows:

**Trailblazers** (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): 100 Campers, 18 Couns., 5 Professions

**Pathfinders** (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>): 82 Campers, 20 Counselors, 8 Professions

**Adventure** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): 157 Campers, 22 Counselors, 25 Professions

**Pioneer** (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>): 110 Campers, 28 Counselors, 52 Professions

**Explorer** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>): 134 Campers, 23 Counselors, 32 Professions

Each week also saw approx. 30 additional staff members in attendance (kitchen, nurse, drivers, maintenance).

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# Vacation Bible School Report

By means of your continued prayers, material support, word-of-mouth promotion, and active volunteerism, God was able to bestow upon us the blessing of a successful Vacation



Bible School this year. What an awesome, AWESOME privilege it is for a church to have a role in planting priceless Gospel seed within the hearts and minds of precious young people!

Proportionally speaking, for a congregation of our size, the numbers that God gave us were indeed a blessing, with most of our initial registered-group continuing with us for multiple days throughout the week. In the end, our perspective should focus upon the overwhelming reality that the eternal soul of EVERY SINGLE CHILD is of infinite worth and value!

We are greatly indebted unto Cathy Sloan and her energetic band of young volunteers from the Armstrong-Indiana-Westmoreland chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), who provided a diverse and active program each day, providing the children with Bible stories, songs, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, character-based skits, memory verses, missionary-stories, and take-home gifts & activities.

## Statistics for the Week:

**MON.:** 10 Kids, 6 CEF staff, 5 Valley GBC (21 total).

**TUES.:** 4 Kids, 6 CEF staff, 5 Valley GBC (15 total).

**WED.:** 6 Kids, 7 CEF staff, 3 Valley GBC (16 total).

**THURS.:** 7 Kids, 6 CEF staff, 3 Valley GBC (16 total).

**FRI.:** 6 Kids, 5 CEF staff, 4 Valley GBC (15 total).

We will be posting photos on our church's **Facebook** page. Meanwhile, please be praying for our CEF sponsored **Fall Party** for young people on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> (10:00 to 11:30 AM) and for our **Christmas Party** on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> (10:00 to 11:30 AM)!



Personal donations to CEF can sent to: **Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 403, Indiana, PA, 15701.**

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